

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2024

The 489th meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held, via Zoom, on March 8, 2024. Ms. Maleeta Kitchen called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: Ms. Joy Bacon, Janill Bobbitt, Dr. Jacob Bauer- Zebley, Dr. Sean Bulson, Ms. Melissa Carpenter, Dr. Dionne Curbeam, Ms. Stephanie Farmer, Dr. Debi Gartland, Dr. Kristine McGee, Ms. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Ms. Amy Poirier, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Dr. Ebony Terrell Shockley, Ms. Joy Lee Spain, Dr. Winona Taylor

The following members were absent: Dr. Keisha Allen, Ms. Monifa McKnight

The following Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff members were present:

Dr. Juanita Ashby-Bey, Alexandra Cambra, Tamara DeShields-Burns, Ms. Nichole Crowder (Recorder), Keith Krempel,

The following Attorney General Staff members were present: Mr. Sean Fitzgerald, Esq. - Assistant Attorney General.

Recognition of Guests

Ms. Barbara Marinak, Mount Saint Mary's University
Dr. Stacy Brown-Hobbs, Mount Saint Mary's University
Ms. Julianne Dibble, Howard County Public Schools
Jackie Sweeney, Bowie State University
Corrine Gorzo, Howard County Public Schools (*retired*)
Whitney Hogan, Howard County Public Schools

Public Comment

Dr. Stacy Brown-Hobbs gave public comment on the issues and concerns with performance-based products
Ms. Barbara Marinak gave public comment on the issues with performance-based products for student teachers.

State Board Update

Mr. Hands stated that the State Board had a joint meeting with the Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB) for the first half of the day to discuss CCR support pathways.

Mr. Hands indicated that the board voted to adopt revised Early Learning Standards.

Mr. Hands stated that the board also adopted regenerated praxis subject assessment for Special Education.

Mr. Hands also stated that the board also adopted the pre-k sliding scale as required in the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

Mr. Hands stated that the board voted to oppose a number of curricular mandate bills along with a few other bills

Ms. Meadows gave history and clarity as to the adoption of the regenerated praxis subject assessment for Special Education.

Legislative Update

Ms. Laurel Cratsley, Education Policy Analysis discussed the Senate Bill and House bill that MSDE was in support of and opposed.

- [House Bil 75/Senate Bill 377](#) - Higher Education - Teacher Retention and Development Program

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MSDE's Position: **Support**

- [Senate Bill 143](#) - Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems - Reemployment
Update (3/6/2024): ***SB 143 was passed through the Senate (46-0) with amendments and has been referred to the House Appropriations Committee for its first reading.***
- [Senate Bill 84/House Bill 116](#) - Teacher Degree Apprenticeship
MSDE's Original Position: Letter of Information Submitted – **No Position**
Update (3/6/2024): ***MSDE worked with the bill sponsor and offered additional amendments, which were accepted by the Committee.***
- [Senate Bill 771/House Bill 945](#) - Education - Initial Teacher Certification – Requirements
Update (3/6/2024) - MSDE's Position: ***Support with Amendments.***
- [Senate Bill 937/House Bill 1157](#) - Grow Your Own Educators Grant Program – Established
Update (3/6/2024) - MSDE's Position: ***Support with Amendments***
- [House Bill 1191](#) - Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact
MSDE's Position: **Support**
- [SB1102/HB 1426](#) – Education – Blueprint for Maryland's Future – Alterations
MSDE's Position: **Support.**
- [HB 1326](#) – Primary and Secondary Education - Teachers - Retention and Support Policies, Guidelines, and Training
MSDE's Position: **No Position**

Announcements

Dr. Terrell Schockley announced that the University of Maryland raised the most amount of money for students in the state.

Ms. Meadows wants to remind board members that the date for submitting your ethics disclosure is approaching. The deadline is April 1st.

Dr. Bulson stated that Harford County is building a model school (Roy Williams Elementary School) where they have a cohort of aspiring teachers from Towson University Northeastern Maryland, who are helping rework the model for teacher preparation.

Ms. Bobbitt accounted that Booker T. Washington Middle School, a school that had a negative reputation over the years is now in the 2023-2024 School had the Baltimore City Teacher of the Year. The principal was voted as of March 6 2024 the Heart of the School Principal.

Dr Terrell Schockley announced the University of Maryland is hosting Maryland Day. It is open to the public. Will be held on April 27, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Communication Update

Ms. Kitchen stated that she has been in informal communication about some of the concerns that were brought up in the last meeting.

Approval of February Minutes

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to approve the February 8, 2024, meeting minutes.

February 8, 2024 meeting minutes approved with one correction.

Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for April

- Call to order
- Public comment
- State Board Update

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- Legislative Update
- Communication Updates
- Announcements
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
- Presentation from grantees of the Teacher Collaborative Grant Program
- Review Federal Law of reciprocity for Military members and their spouses.
- Discussion of the equivalent to the practicum requirement

Discussion

The board discussed the concern of not addressing all proposed items that are placed on the meeting agenda. Members also had concerns about how to implement and enforce the equivalent to the practicum requirement. That item has been placed as priority agenda item for more discussion in April’s PSTEB meeting.

Presentation

Ms. Juliann Dibble and her colleagues gave a presentation detailing the awareness of the Teacher Collaborative Grant paraprofessional to teacher pathway. They gave a deeper understanding of the structures, processes, and success factors in enlisting and supporting cohort members. They were also able to give some suggestions to other participating districts on how to successfully navigate through the program.

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Reason for Executive Session

The reason for closing the meeting is "to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice." The statutory authority for closing the meeting is General Provisions § 3-305(b)(7). And the topics for discussion are the definition of "moral turpitude" under Maryland law and the legal authority for summary suspensions of educator licenses under State Government Article § 10-226(c)(2).

Motion to Close the Meeting

Recorded vote to close the meeting:

Date: March 7, 2024

Time: 12:05

Location: Virtual

Motion to close meeting made by: Dr. Taylor Seconded by Dr. Bulson

Members in favor: Ms. Spain, Ms. Skordalos, Ms. Yoho, Dr. Bulson, Ms. Poirier, Dr. Gartland, Ms. Meadows, Dr. McGee, Dr. Zebley, Ms. Roebuck, Ms. Carpenter, Dr. Terrell Shockley, Dr. Taylor, Ms. Bobbitt, Ms. Farmer, Hornbeck, Dr. Curbeam, Ms. Kitchen

Opposed: None **Abstaining:** None **Absent:** Dr. Allen; Ms. McKnight

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Citation	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b)(7)	The definition of “moral turpitude” under Maryland law	During its January 2024 Meeting, PSTEB considered a proposed revision to the educator licensure regulations that would define “moral turpitude” as “conduct contrary to justice,

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		honesty, or morality.” A question arose as to the definition of this term under Maryland law. The Board has sought legal advice on this issue.
§3-305(b)(7)	The Definition of “misconduct” under Maryland law	During its February 2024 Meeting, PSTEB received public comment opposing proposed revisions that would define “misconduct” as “unlawful, dishonest, or improper behavior in dereliction of an educator’s duty.” The Board has sought legal advice on this issue.
§3-305(b)(7)	The legal authority for summary suspensions of educator licenses under State Government Article § 10-226(c)(2)).	During its February 2024 Meeting, PSTEB received public comment opposing proposed revisions that would codify in regulation a procedural framework for summary suspensions of educator licenses under State Government Article § 10-226(c)(2). The public comment raised questions as to whether the proposed regulatory revisions would violate State or Constitutional law. The Board has sought legal advice on this issue.

Meeting Closed

Time of closed session: 12:05 PM – 12:35 PM

Place: Virtual

Purpose(s): To consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice as to the definitions of “moral turpitude” and “misconduct” under Maryland law in the context of educator licensure and the legal authority for summary suspensions of educator licenses under State Government Article § 10-226(c)(2)

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Ms. Spain, Ms. Skordalos, Ms. Yoho, Dr. Bulson, Ms. Poirier, Dr. Gartland, Ms. Meadows, Dr. McGee, Dr. Zebley, Ms. Roebuck, Ms. Carpenter, Dr. Terrell Shockley, Dr. Taylor, Ms. Bobbitt, Ms. Farmer, Hornbeck, Dr. Curbeam, Ms. Kitchen

Persons attending closed session: Spain, Skordalos, Yoho, Bulson, Poirier, Gartland, Meadows, McGee, Zebley, Roebuck, Carpenter, Shockley, Taylor, Bobbitt, Farmer, Hornbeck, Curbeam, Kitchen.

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: §3-305(b)(7), “To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice”

Topics discussed: *The definitions of “moral turpitude”; and “misconduct” under Maryland law and the legal authority for summary suspensions of educator licenses under State Government Article § 10-226(c)(2).*

Actions taken: None